

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4850**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2019

**FARMERS AGITATION**

4850. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the agitation started by 187 different farmers organisations in the country on the major demand for total debt free farmers and one and half time more minimum support price for all agricultural produce, if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether this agitation started by these farmers organisations is spreading largely throughout the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assured the farmers to get one and half time more returns for their farm produce as compared with actual production cost; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the Government is implementing the same?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): From time to time, farmers' organizations in certain parts of country do raise issues concerning agriculture sector like farm debt waiver, increase in Minimum Support Price and other agricultural policies, which is taken due note of by Government.

(c) & (d): Government presently fixed minimum support prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural Crops and fair & remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. In addition, MSPs for toria and de-husked coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra respectively.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at a level of atleast one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated crops with a return of at least 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production for the season 2018-19. Government has recently increased the MSPs for all kharif crops for 2019-20 season in line with the principle of providing at least 50 percent return over all India weighted average cost of production.

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